

**Quarterly Issues and Programming Report
October 2009 thru December 2009**

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Community Issues

October:

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"Shelton House"

We have an update on a story we brought you back in June involving a local contractor. After a local contractor left her home uninhabitable, the Shelton community pitched in to help Laura Sussan and her children rebuild their lives by rebuilding their home. This is Sussan's home three months ago...we found mold the walls...reportedly causing the family respiratory problems...and the unfinished carpentry created major safety hazards especially for Sussan who is legally blind and her severely autistic son. Today, that all changed. We caught the group of volunteers putting the finishing touches on the house. After months of work and thousands in volunteer hours and donations Sussan's home is complete and more importantly safe to live in. Attorney General Richard Blumenthal launched an investigation into Sussan's case.

10/17/09: Good Morning Connecticut 7am - :20

"Obama Community Service"

President Obama was in Texas yesterday, promoting community service. He spoke at a Volunteerism Summit near the George H. W. Bush Presidential Library. Mr. Obama saluted former President George H.W Bush's groundbreaking "Thousand Points of Light" campaign. The president says his "United We Serve" campaign builds on a foundation first laid out by Mr. Bush.

10/29/09: News Channel 8 at 10pm - :15

"New Haven Students White House"

18 music students from New Haven are heading to the White House. The students from the Neighborhood Music School are the only ones from Connecticut invited to take part in the White House Community Classroom Music Series. The children, in grades 8 thru 12 will join 100 others from across the nation. The series was created by First Lady Michelle Obama to celebrate the arts.

November:

11/11/09: News Channel 8 at 10pm - :45

"Landa Family Home"

A community effort to help a family devastated by fire is really taking shape now. The custom made modular home for the Landa family arrived in Griswold today. David Landa who was paralyzed in a pool accident last year was saved by his son when their house burned down in June. Volunteers set the pieces of the home in place and say more work needs to be done. And the list goes on. Volunteers would like to have the Landas in their new home by Thanksgiving. If you would like to find out how you can help log onto wtnh.com and we will link you to the site.

11/19/09: Good Morning Connecticut 7am - :54

"Sweet 16 Charity"

Turning Sweet Sixteen is a big deal for young girls and a lot of them like to celebrate in a big way. But one Branford teenager is celebrating her birthday by giving back to the community. Everytime Emily Visnic watches the MTV reality series "My Super Sweet 16" it drives her insane. Emily is organizing a winter clothing drive -- collecting coats, hats, gloves to donate to people in need in New Haven. She's hoping to give her peers a new perspective. Says Emily, "There's more to life than just being cool in High School or having money or having big parties. You always have to think of others, you can't always just think of yourself." Among the places you can drop off donations for the winter clothing drive -- the Willoughby Wallace Library -- St. Therese Church in Branford -- and Strong Tower Ministries in New Haven. For more information on how you can help, log onto our website -- wtnh.com.

11/20/09: Good Morning Connecticut 7am -- 1:00

"Community Events"

There are a number of places around the state where donations are being collected to help those in need. A lot of people are out of work and shelters and food banks are all reporting an increase in the number of people needing help this season. There's the 19TH annual "Stuff A Bus" that's being held today and tomorrow at the Shaw's Supermarket on Dixwell Avenue in Hamden. It goes until 8 tonight and tomorrow from 10am until 7pm. They are taking donations of frozen turkeys and non-perishable food items. Another food drive, "Fill The Bowl" will take place at the Yale Bowl on Derby Avenue in New Haven. It begins at 9am. If you donate a turkey or 10 dollars cash you'll receive 2 tickets to the Yale/Harvard game for that afternoon

11/25/09: Good Morning Connecticut 7am - :25

"Chad Dawson Turkeys"

Giving back to those in need. World Champion boxer Chad Dawson knows what it's like to not have much around the holidays so now he's helping the New Haven community. Yesterday, Dawson met fans, signed autographs and most important gave away turkeys. He and his wife started the day in West Haven and later made their way to a store in New Haven. In all the Dawson's gave away 100 turkeys. The Dawsons are planning a toy drive for the Christmas season.

December:

12/02/09: Good Morning Connecticut 7am - 1:20

"East Haven Vigil"

A vigil planned in East Haven today highlighting allegations of racial profiling. It's an issue we've seen come to a boiling point in the community there before though the police department denies the allegations. Members of the Saint Rose of Lima Church promise a significant announcement in their fight against police harassment of Latinos later today. They will do that during a vigil outside My Country Store. It's the store where the church's pastor was arrested last February. At the time, he was videotaping what he says were East Haven Police officers harassing the store owner. Reverend James Manship was then arrested for interfering with police business. That sparked months of rallies, marches and meetings. Manship's church, Saint Rose of Lima, also filed a complaint against the East Haven Police Department with the Department of Justice. That complaint contained 20 different acts of alleged harassment by police. At tonight's vigil, church members will say that harassment is still going on.

12/12/09: News Channel 8 at 10pm -- 1:50

"Ansonia Stand Down"

Keeping veterans "at ease" in Ansonia...this mini stand down is offering those in need a helping hand. And veteran Benny Morris is taking advantage with an abundance of gratitude. Modeled

after the Veterans Administration's large scale annual Stand down...this mini-stand down at the Ansonia National Guard Headquarters is full of coats, clothes, food; even check ups. And according non-profit "No Vet Left Behind" founder Mary Porter...it fills the gaps left by the VA. She's a veteran from a family of veterans. Donations came in by the truckload...with hundreds of items made available. They were even able to serve three meals during the day. But it was the many suit donations that caught Robert Anderson's eye...this gray number...perfect for church or a job interview. One successful year down...hundreds of vets served....and next year, No Vet Left Behind plans to serve even more.

12/23/09: News Channel 8 at 10pm - :23

"Tracking Santa"

Get the milk and cookies ready... Santa Claus is packing the sleigh for his Christmas Eve flight. That's the word from Norad. The 'North American Aerospace Defense Command has been helping CHILDREN track Santa for more than 50 years. Norad uses high-tech systems like "Santa Cams" to keep tabs on Old Saint Nick. And, once he leaves the North Pole... you, can find Norad's ' Santa Tracking site' on our website... wtnh-dot-com.

Health:

October:

10/12/09: Good Morning Connecticut 7am - :15

"Rell/Healthcare"

Governor Jodi Rell is looking to shore up a nursing shortage. She is applying for five million dollars in federal stimulus money to train and create jobs for nurses and other healthcare workers. The governor says the money would help find jobs for more than 25-hundred health care professionals.

10/15/09: News Channel 8 at 10pm - :25

"H1N1 Vaccine"

This is week two of the national H-one-N-one flu vaccine campaign and today Governor Rell is getting a first hand look inside a vaccination clinic. The governor was at Old Saybrook Middle School where kids between 2 and 4 will get the h-1-n-1 nasal spray. The Department of Public Health has advised kids in this age group received the initial shipment of the vaccine. Yesterday marked the first time the 'injectable' version of the vaccine was available in several states.

10/26/09: Good Morning Connecticut 7am - :38

"YALE - Bad Cereals"

In health news this morning, Yale University has a new report out on the Impact of marketing on Childhood Obesity. The study found that before the average American child even reaches kindergarten they're seeing 642 cereal ads year. The vast majority of them for sugared cereals. The report lists the ten least nutritional cereals... And shows those brands are getting the heaviest marketing push. They've developed websites with games, music and cartoons. Three years ago, the industry announced that it would police itself by setting new standards for the way it markets food for kids. But the new report says the system is not working.

10/28/09: Good Morning Connecticut 7am - :34

"NFL Head Injuries"

IN HEALTH NEWS THIS MORNING ... Congress is looking into how pro-football-related head injuries may affect memory loss later in life. The House judiciary committee cited incidents like one this past Monday night when Philadelphia Eagles running back Brian Westbrook suffered a concussion. A new study finds a football head injury that can be 'shaken off' today may have a

significant impact later. Pro football players are 19-times more likely to be diagnosed with Alzheimer's or memory-related diseases than other men their age. According to the NFL, players suffering from such conditions are eligible to receive up to 88 thousand dollars a year.

November:

11/03/09: Good Morning Connecticut 7am - :20

"Swine Flu Pregnant Women"

Federal health officials say pregnant women get good results from just a single dose of the H1N1 vaccine but young children still need two treatments. National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease says continuing studies confirmed both findings. And the director of the National Vaccine Program says a program to monitor side effects from the vaccine is now in place.

11/11/09: News Channel 8 at 10pm - :20

"Woodstock Rabies Dog"

A rabid puppy turns into a potential health nightmare for more than two dozen people. Tonight, the Woodstock family that owned the pet speaks exclusively to News Channel 8. It's a precaution that's being taken after their three month old 'golden retriever' was infected by a rabid skunk. Health officials say more than just the family is at risk because puppies lick and bite people and the disease is found in their saliva. All told, twenty eight people are getting the shots. Many of the people getting the shots are at the veterinarian's office. After the initial shots they'll need three more - one at a time.

11/24/09: Good Morning Connecticut 7am - :23

"Ginkgo Biloba"

In health news, experts say Ginkgo Biloba may do more than just boost brain power. The herbal supplement may help people with peripheral vascular disease -- the narrowing of blood vessels in the legs and feet. Ginkgo is already being used in Europe to reduce PVD. But doctors here say more research is needed to confirm the effects and to figure out the ideal dose of ginkgo to take.

11/30/09: News Channel 8 at 10pm - :20

"North Haven Healthcare"

We've heard so much about the public option being debated in Congress, well Medicaid patients in Connecticut are about to get their own version of the public option. Pediatrics Plus in North Haven has already signed on to the new program. Ten-percent of their patients are on Medicaid and starting January 1st their doctors will have direct control over their treatment, with no input from insurance companies or hmo's. The state will pay the doctors a small fee -- seven dollars a month per patient -- and the doctors must be available 24-7 for their patients. It sounds tough but those who have signed on to the new program tell us they welcome the added responsibility if it means they can make all the decisions. Doctors who are interested in doing the "Primary Care Case Management" program can start signing on now. It begins January 1st, and is expected to save at least 20-percent for the state by cutting out administrative fees and unnecessary visits to the ER.

December:

12/15/09: Good Morning Connecticut 7am - :25

"Coffee/Tea and Diabetes"

Your morning cup of coffee may be doing more for your body than you think. A new analysis of past studies shows people who drink regular coffee, decaf or tea have a lower risk of developing 'type two' diabetes. Researchers found that for every cup of coffee a day a person's risk was

reduced by seven percent. Doctors now believe there could be a compound in those drinks that protect against diabetes.

12/30/09: Good Morning Connecticut 7am - :27

"Tylenol Recall"

There has been a major Tylenol recall to tell you about. The FDA says Tylenol is recalling all of its 100-count bottles of arthritis pain caplets with the red E-Z open caps. The recall comes after customers reported an unusual moldy smell that made their stomachs feel sick. The problem is believed to be from a chemical used in packaging. If you have a bottle of these pills, stop using them, and contact the company for a refund or replacement.

Education:

October:

10/14/09: Good Morning Connecticut 7am - :15

"New Haven Translator Rally"

Parent organizations are calling for Spanish translators in New Haven schools. They rallied outside of the Board of Education offices yesterday. They want the superintendent to make good on his promise to provide translation services at mandatory parent orientations. Parents say many schools do not have translators.

10/22/09: Good Morning Connecticut 7am - :20

"Obama Teachers"

The Obama administration is calling for an overhaul of college programs that are supposed to prepare teachers to do their jobs. The Education Secretary calls the programs cash cows that attract a large enrollment but do a mediocre job. Duncan says he was prompted to act after hearing from teachers who complained about how they were trained.

10/30/09: Good Morning Connecticut 7am - :20

"Arabic in New Haven Schools"

Its not one of the languages kids have taken up in public schools for the past decades but its catching on. New Haven public schools are teaching Arabic and some say its the new Latin. Arabic is now listed among the top languages that the State Department recommends children learn. New Haven is among only a handful of districts in the state that offer Arabic. Only four schools in the city have those classes.

10/30/09: News Channel 8 at 10pm - :20

"H1N1 New Haven"

New Haven launches an educational effort to inform residents about what to do to stop H1N1. Students are already being taught how to stop the spread of germs and now city buses, on-line ads, and messages on News Channel 8 will inform residents how to prevent the virus and what to do if they have symptoms. The city also hopes to open it's first H1N1 flu shot clinics very soon for those in the high risk groups like pregnant women, day care workers, health care providers, and children under four. The city is encouraging those in the high risk group to check in with the city every day to find out when and where the clinics will take place. You can also log on to wtnh.com and we will link you to that information.

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"College Presidents"

As the price of a college education rises, the fast-growing group of college presidents making more than a million dollars is also up. A record 23 presidents of private universities and colleges made more than 1-million last year. That's according to information published in the Chronicle of Higher Education. Topping the list is the president of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, New York. She made nearly 1.6 million. Second on the list is the president of Suffolk University in Boston. Rounding out the top three is the president from the University of Tulsa.

11/04/09: News Channel 8 at 10pm - :20

"NH Kids in DC"

Students from the Neighborhood Music School in New Haven took some lessons in Washington, DC. They were at the White House today taking part in workshops led by renowned musicians. It's part of the White House Community Classroom Music Series to encourage young people to continue their arts education. They even got to meet First Lady Michelle Obama. Only 120 students from around the country were chosen with 18 from Connecticut.

11/23/09: Good Morning Connecticut 7am - :20

"Gifted and Talented Funding"

A new report shows gifted children are being ignored in the US. That's according to the report from a University of Connecticut researcher. The report says most federal education funding shows gifted kids aren't getting the attention they deserve because most federal education goes to helping struggling students learn the basics.

December:

12/01/09: Good Morning Connecticut 7am - :20

"Nursing training cut"

Kaynor Tech in Waterbury will graduate its last nursing students this month. That's according to the Republican American. Due to the state's budget deficit, Governor Jodi Rell announced last week that the licensed practical nursing program offered at the state's 10 technical schools would be cut. The 16-month program at the tech schools costs under 5 thousand dollars which is just a fraction of the cost at most other schools.

12/08/09: Good Morning Connecticut 7am - :20

"Shelton Teachers"

The Shelton board of education is set to hold a special meeting tonight to talk about their 700 thousand dollar budget gap. The superintendent asked all school system employees to take two furlough days...they're supposed to let him know today. This morning the Connecticut Post reports teachers have voted to deny that request. We'll be following this story throughout the day on News Channel 8 and wtnh.com.

12/17/09: Good Morning Connecticut 7am - :15

"New Haven Green Schools"

New haven public schools are installing clean green energy efficient systems in six schools. The city is starting up a 75 kilowatt combined heat and power plant at the Conte West Hill magnet school. Five more schools will be coming on line in the next few months. Its' expected to save the city \$83,000 in utility cost in the first year.

Crime:

October:

10/01/09: News Channel 8 at 10pm - :20

“Waterbury Cop in Court”

A Waterbury Police Officer accused of illegally selling personal guns that were used in crimes in New Haven is free on bond tonight. 41-year-old Harold David Setzer was in court today facing those allegations. Setzer is currently suspended with pay pending the outcome of the case. He is due back in court on October 13th.

10/02/09: Good Morning Connecticut 7am - :39

“Cheshire Suspects”

The trial against the suspects in the Cheshire home invasion is expected to begin in January but a judge will have to consider a book written about the crime first. Attorneys for suspect, Steven Hayes, are not happy about the book "In the Middle of the Night". In it, fellow suspect Joshua Komisarjevsky blames Hayes for the murders of Jennifer Hawke-Petit and her daughters in July of 2007. Hayes' lawyers have filed a motion asking Komisarjevsky be charged with criminal contempt for violating a gag order. They also say Hayes should NOT be the first suspect to go on trial. The book was NOT discussed in court yesterday - the issue will be put before another judge next month.

10/16/09: News Channel 8 at 10pm - :25

“NH Shot Spotter”

New Haven police are using “new” technology to respond to crime scenes. It's a rapid response system. Police gave a demonstration of their new high-tech system called "shot spotter." A network of sensors around the city pick-up the sound of a gunshot and the information is immediately sent back to dispatch. The system was used recently in a homicide on Sheffield Avenue. It cost about a half a million dollars and is being paid for through federal grant money.

10/18/09: News Channel 8 at 10pm – 1:40

“UCONN Student Killed”

A Huskies homecoming dance party turns deadly after an altercation ends in the stabbing death of star cornerback and father to be, Jasper Howard. It all started around 1230 Sunday morning when someone pulled a fire alarm in the "U"...forcing the crowds of more than 300 people...UConn students and others outside. UConn Police tell me that's when a fight started between two groups...and 20 year Howard and one other were stabbed multiple times. Both stabbing victims were taken to area hospitals, one treated and released. Howard was pronounced dead hours after the incident at St. Francis hospital in Hartford where his coach, Randy Edsall stood watch all night. A campus wide alert was issued early Sunday and UConn PD have stepped up their patrols around campus in the wake of the incident and are working with state police on the investigation.

November:

11/10/09: Good Morning Connecticut 7am - :16

“Abortion Shooting”

The suspect in the shooting death of Dr. Goerge Tiller is confessing to the crime. Anti-abortion activist Schott Roeder tells the associated press that he killed the well known abortion provider last May because, "pre-born children's lives were in imminent danger". Roeder is charged with murder and aggravated assault.

11/12/09: News Channel 8 at 10pm - :20

“Griswold Home Invasion”

State police investigate a 'crime-spree' involving a burning car, a home invasion, and a jewelry store heist. The investigation began when a car was found on fire at the intersection of Leffingwell Road and Montville Road, in Montville. The car was traced back to 93 Cook Hill Road in Griswold

where police found the owners James and Bernadette Kenny tied up. At a later point they learned James Kenny works at 'Grader Jewelers' in Norwich and police there soon discovered the store had been burglarized. Police believe the same suspects are responsible for all three crimes. Police say they are also checking to determine if there is any surveillance video from the jewelry store.

11/24/09: News Channel 8 at 10pm – 1:04

“Litchfield Standoff”

Snipers unload their weapons, the tactical team comes out of the woods and the police k-9s are put back in the vehicles. The 9 and 1/2 hour standoff came to an end after 53 year old John Levoy surrenders to police. Major crime scene will process the scene and they will seize any weapons in the house, there will be serious charges lodged against him once he has been medically cleared. State police say the entire 9 and 1/2 hours the man was in the house they were in constant contact with him. They were able to talk him out peacefully and at no time did he point a weapon at state police or they felt they were in jeopardy. He was very cooperative, he followed all direction given to him by the troopers, he was taken into custody without incident. Police say Levoy shot his wife Shelly after an argument. She was able to get out of the house and drive herself to the hospital and that's when the tactical teams arrived and surrounded the house.

December:

12/07/09: News Channel 8 at 10pm - :20

“Crime Stats”

Crime in general is down in New Haven according to police. From January to September of this year police recorded 13 fewer murders than during the same period last year. Every category showed a decrease except rape, which was up by 5. Over all... there were 913 fewer crimes reported.

12/11/09: Good Morning Connecticut 7am - :20

“Naugatuck Officer”

Naugatuck police officer David Reilly is facing charges in Wallingford. According to the Republican-American Reilly is charged with larceny by extortion, coercion and third-degree computer crimes.

12/17/09: News Channel 8 at 10pm - :26

“Florida free man/DNA”

DNA evidence has righted another wrong in the legal system allowing a Florida man to walk out of prison after 35 years behind bars. James Bain was originally convicted in 1974, of raping a 9 year old boy in the Lake Wales community. But it took modern DNA technology to prove that now 54-year old Bain could not have committed the crime. Bain says he is not bitter about the miscarriage of justice. Bain says he is now looking forward to being with family and taking care of his mother who is confined to a wheelchair.

Consumer Issues:

October:

10/06/09: Good Morning Connecticut 7am - :18

“Holiday Sales Outlook”

This holiday season may be a tough one for the retailers. The National Retail Federation is predicting a one percent decline in total sales for November and December when compared to

last year. The NRF says Consumers already cut back during the fall back-to-school season as unemployment hits a 26 year high of 9.8 percent.

10/30/09: News Channel 8 at 10pm - :30

"Dow Drops"

A report on consumer spending led to a major sell off on Wall Street today. The Dow lost almost 250 points... to close only slightly above the 97-hundred mark. There were also heavy losses for the Nasdaq and the 'S-and-P'. The losses follow word that 'consumer spending' plunged in September by its largest amount in nine months. The Commerce Department says spending dropped half a percent. And incomes were flat. Of course, all this followed yesterday's positive numbers showing the economy grew in the third quarter, which prompted big gains on Wall Street. The government credits that to programs like the stimulus package... "Cash for Clunkers" and the eight-thousand dollar first time home buyer's credit.

10/31/09: News Channel 8 at 10pm - :20

"Beef Recall"

We have a beef recall to tell you about. 550-thousand pounds of ground beef produced by New York-based Fairbank Farms... are recalled. There are concerns about e-coli contamination. Some of that beef was sold here in Connecticut, at places like: Trader Joe's, Price Chopper, Shaw's and BJ's. For more on the recall come to our website at WTNH.com

November:

11/04/09: News Channel 8 at 10pm - :30

"BPA in Canned Foods"

You may be getting more than you bargained for in those canned foods you buy at the store. Consumer Reports recently tested a variety of canned foods including soups, juice, tuna and green beans. Almost all of the 19 name-brand foods contained measurable levels of BPA or Bisphenol A. It was found in a diverse assortment of canned foods including those labeled 'organic' and even in some foods packaged as BPA free. Some studies link BPA to health issues including birth defects, heightened risk of breast and prostate cancers, diabetes and heart disease.

11/11/09: News Channel 8 at 7am - 1:00

"Grocery Tips"

As you walk around the grocery store with your shopping list, sometimes you want to buy things that aren't on it. But if you want to keep your wallet in shape and maybe your diet in shape, you don't want to veer off of that list and be tempted by things that are great but they weren't on your list and you don't necessarily need them. And when you find what is on your list, the best way to get the best value is to compare brands but often they come in different sizes. That's when you look at the unit price. It will tell you hey, 16 cents per fluid ounce versus 25 cents per fluid ounce. Here's a tip that's actually a state law: If something rings up incorrectly at the cash register, you actually are entitled to get that item for free. Yeah, that's right. If it rings up wrong, you get it for free - up to \$20 and if it's the right kind of item. There's a law known as the consumer commodity law, that if it's a consumable item - think of a tube of toothpaste, versus a non-consumable item such as a broom. If it is the kind of thing that gets consumed and it rings up wrong, you get it free. Of course, no store is going to point it out to you. To take advantage of that law, you have to pay attention to things as they are ringing up to make sure that they're correct.

11/24/09: News Channel 8 at 7am - :25

"AG and Gift Cards"

It could be the perfect holiday gift for someone you love who also loves great food. The Connecticut Restaurant Association is out with what it calls the 'one for one hundred gift

certificate' program. Like the name indicates, the gift certificate allows consumers to choose from more than one hundred restaurants as opposed to being 'locked in' to one eatery. The gift certificates are available in denominations of 25, 50 and 100 dollars. You can get more information about how to get them at our website WTNH.com.

December:

12/07/09: Good Morning Connecticut at 7am - :20

"Zhu Zhu Pets"

A consumer group says one of the "must-have" toys of the season is unsafe. The San Francisco based "Goodguide" claims the Zhu Zhu hamsters have unsafe levels of antimony which is used in textiles, plastics and paints. The makers of the widely popular Zhu Zhu pets is defending their safety this morning. The toy's manufacturer, Cepia, says all of its products are tested rigorously for safety by internal teams and independent labs.

12/11/09: Good Morning Connecticut at 7am - :22

"Wall Street Reform"

A Final vote is expected in the house today on a sweeping overhaul of Wall Street regulations. Democrats want to create an independent Consumer Finance Protection Agency adding more restrictions on banks and financial institutions including one that would allow bankruptcy judges to rewrite mortgages to lower homeowners' payments. A coalition of banking organizations has sent lawmakers a letter urging them to vote against the amendment.

12/15/09: News Channel 8 at 10pm - :25

"Blinds recalled"

50 million 'Roman-style' shades and 'roll-up blinds' are being recalled as a child safety precaution. The Consumer Product Safety Commission says children can be strangled by the cords. The blinds have already caused 5 deaths and 16 near strangulations since 2006. Safety officials are urging parents to check all shades and blinds at home.

12/22/09: News Channel 8 at 10pm - :25

"Booster Seats ratings"

The Institute for Highway Safety has rated 60 models of belt-positioning boosters. Those are the seats used for kids between the ages of 4 and 8. 9 of them got a best bet rating including models by Recaro, Evenflo, Eddie Bauer and Costco but 11 didn't get any rating because they did such a poor job. For the exact models on both the good and bad lists just log onto our website at wtnh.com.

Government, Economy, & Law

October:

10/19/09: News Channel 8 at 10pm - :20

"Espionage Arrest"

Espionage charges filed against a Maryland scientist... who worked for the Department of Defense. The feds say the charges against 52-year old Stewart David Nozette include a criminal complaint of attempting to communicate, deliver and transmit classified information to a person that he believed was an Israeli intelligence officer. It's important to note that the complaint does not allege the government of Israel or anyone acting on its behalf violated any U.S. law. Nozette was picked up by the F-B-I today. He's expected to make his first appearance in Federal court tomorrow.

10/27/09: Good Morning Connecticut 7am - :30

"Afghanistan Troops"

Calling it a Solemn decision.. President Barack Obama is promising that he will never rush into choosing whether to send U-S troops to war. The President Told marine and navy personnel in Florida that the government would take care of them and their families while they are on their missions and when they come home. Gen. Stanley McChrystal is pushing for a plan to increase troops by 40-thousand.

10/29/09: Good Morning Connecticut 7am - :30

"Robe Lawsuit"

The family of a Connecticut woman who died after her chenille bathrobe caught on fire has filed a federal lawsuit against a Pennsylvania-based retailer. The robes have been recalled by the Blair Company. Attorneys for the estate of 80-year-old Atwilda Brown filed suit claiming wrongful death and product liability. The lawsuit asks for 30- million dollars. Brown was severely burned in February 2005 when her robe ignited as she made tea in her East Windsor home. She died two weeks later.

November:

11/05/09: News Channel 8 at 10pm - :20

"Patriots Act Revisions"

The House Judiciary Committee has voted to remove an anti-terrorism tool from the USA Patriot Act. The committee dominated by Democrats has approved revisions that would curb the government's surveillance and seizure powers in anti-terrorism investigations. The Judiciary Committee bill would eliminate the Patriot Act's never-used "lone wolf" section which permits spying on non-Americans even when they're not linked to a recognized terrorist group.

11/16/09: Good Morning Connecticut 7am - :40

"Gitmo Prisoners"

A prison in Illinois may end up housing terror suspects from Guantanamo Bay. This is it... a 145 Million dollar state of the art prison that has sat almost empty since it opened 8 years ago. Now the Federal government wants to buy the prison and move 100 terror suspects in. The idea is drawing both support and opposition. It's estimated moving the terror suspects in would create about 3 thousand jobs for the local economy. The prison is about 150 miles west of Chicago.

11/17/09: News Channel 8 at 10pm - :20

"DOJ/ Financial Fraud"

The justice department is preparing to take closer looks at the financial crisis and criminal activity. President Obama is creating a task force to prosecute financial fraud. Now top government officials want industry heads to be aware of the new levels of security. According to a new ABC NEWS/Washington Post poll, the public still trusts President Obama over Republicans in Congress to handle the economy by a 52 to 37 percent margin.

11/30/09: Good Morning Connecticut 7am - :25

"NJ Blogger in Court"

A New Jersey blogger accused of threatening two Connecticut lawmakers and federal judges was reportedly being paid by the FBI. Hal Turner faces trial this week on charges he made death threats against three Chicago-based federal appeals judges. According to government documents, Turners claims the FBI paid him thousands to report on neo-Nazis and white supremacist groups. Turner claims the FBI coached him to make racist, anti-Semitic and other threatening statements on his radio show.

December:

12/03/09: Good Morning Connecticut at 7am - :22

“White House Jobs”

Today the White House is putting a public focus on the sky-high unemployment rate and looking for ways on how to solve it. President Obama will hear from the leaders of large and small companies along with labor leaders and non-profit groups. All of them are looking for new ways to put American back to work. The jobless rate stands at 10-point-2 percent and is expected to rise.

12/14/09: News Channel 8 at 10pm - :25

“Citigroup/Tarp Money”

Citigroup announces today it will re-pay 20 billion dollars in rescue funds. The New York-based bank was among the hardest hit by the credit crisis and rising loan defaults. It received 45-billion dollars in government support. The rest of what the government is owed was converted into an 'ownership stake' that the government plans to sell within the next year.

12/16/09: Good Morning Connecticut at 7am - :25

“New Haven Bars Closing Time”

New Haven's nightlife may soon go on later into the night. According to the New Haven register, the city is considering an idea to keep clubs and bars open until 3 in the morning. That doesn't necessarily mean there would be an extra hour of drinking. Providence recently launched a pilot program to keep bars open late on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. But the late night extension would require a change in state law.

12/30/09: News Channel 8 at 10pm - :25

“Murphy/New Bills”

With more state manufacturing jobs being cut or outsourced, the push is on to buy American made products. Today Congressman Chris Murphy announced his effort to tighten the so-called "Buy American Laws" and close some of the loopholes that have federal contracts going overseas. Murphy's bill would require federal agencies take into account the number of American jobs created or saved in awarding a contract to a US company and increase the amount of US components required to be labeled "Made in America". The legislation would increase the amount of US defense dollars that need to be spent on US manufactures. Ansonia Copper and Brass is the only company in the country that makes special tubing for U.S Navy ships and submarines, yet foreign competition is putting the company's future in jeopardy.